easily fill. If the taluk authorities take greater interest in encouraging the leading ryots of the villages, such works will be satisfactorily and easily carried out.

Reply of Government.—The ryots are usually required to do only the earthwork and whenever they do so, the masonry work will be carried out without delay. The reason why the amount is kept in the Savings Bank in the case referred to, will be enquired into and instructions will be issued that the work should be carried out as soon as the full cost of the earthwork is deposited, whenever the ryots prefer to do so. Local officers will be urged to see that the amount allotted to each district is properly worked out and if there is need for additional allotments Government are disposed to consider the matter favorably.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Repairs to minor tanks.

(*a*) Mr. Bhaskar Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The responsibility for earthwork to minor tanks has been thrown entirely upon the ryots. As the ryots pay irrigation cess on the wet and garden lands in their holdings, it is not fair to charge them with the duty of maintaining the tanks and also of paying contribution for the restoration of the same. The earth, stone and masonry work of the tanks should be a charge solely on Government. It is prayed that the ryots may be relieved of this burden.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Pyanna, Hassan Municipality, and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere taluk.

(*b*) It is often observed that the holders of lands just below the bund of minor tanks are not so anxious to do earthwork to the bund as those holding lands far below the same. Unless ryots' share of earthwork is done the Government share of the work will not be put in hand. The result is loss to the holders of lands far below. Pray that the earthwork be done by Government, and the cost thereof be then apportioned among the ryots and recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

Mr. C. Sura Sastri, Chikballapur taluk.—(*c*) The ryots have to bring the earth from a great distance. A reserve of 30 yards may be made near each tank from which the ryots may take the earth.

Mr. Mahalinganná, Hassan taluk.—It is better to take the earth from the tank-bed itself.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) The responsibility cannot be waived. (*b*) No general orders can be passed but if there are difficulties in any special case, they may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 101.

Sluices of tanks.

Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present mode of constructing sluices for tanks with brick and mortar should be abandoned, and sluices cut out of stone supplied to the tanks as in the Dharwar District. The present sluices get out of repair very soon and much money is wasted